

Canada; a task in which he and others were successful, bringing the first Grey Cup to Western Canada in 1975.

Rabbi Ginsburg died on November 16, 1993 and is buried in the Erlton Cemetery in Calgary.

Samuel Lieberman

Sam Lieberman was born on April 14th, 1922, the son of Moe Lieberman, one of Edmonton's prominent early lawyers (profiled previously in this work). Sam attended a private elementary school in the Oliver area, then Oliver School and Garneau and Scona High Schools. After graduating from high school, Sam sought adventure and went to Fort Smith, NWT to work for the summer as a stevedore, loading and unloading cargo ships. In 1939, following in his father's footsteps, Sam chose to pursue a career in law, and enrolled in the University of Alberta's Faculty of Arts. As was the case with so many young men, however, the outbreak of the Second World War interrupted his studies, and in 1940 Sam took an extended leave from school to serve with the Royal Canadian Air Force. "I felt an obligation to my country," said Sam, "and I always wanted to fly." Sam served for much of the War with England's Coastal Command in which his duties took him to far-off places including Gibraltar, the Gulf of Aden and the Persian Gulf. Sam was decommissioned in 1945 after having reached the rank of Squadron Leader. This was not the end of his connection with the Air Force, however, as upon his return Sam enlisted in the Air Force Reserves, where he would remain formally involved until 1956. In 1951, Sam was chosen to become the Aide-de-Camp to the Lieutenant Governor of Alberta, the Hon. J. J. Bowlen. Upon his return from the war in 1945, Sam resumed his studies at the University of Alberta, finishing his BA and receiving his LLB in 1948. He was called to the Alberta Bar



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the following year. Not long after, Sam would meet his future wife Nancy Berman at a B'nai B'rith conference in Winnipeg. It was love at first sight! Within the year they were married and were fortunate to share their lives for 62 years. Son David and daughters Jo Ann and Audrey completed their family.

After finishing his studies at the University, Sam's legal career proceeded with great success. Initially joining his father's firm of Friedman, Lieberman, and Newson specializing in insurance law, Sam earned a Queen's Counsel appointment in 1961 before he became, in 1966, the first member of Alberta's Jewish community to be appointed to a judicial role in the District Court of Alberta. Four years later, he was appointed Justice of the Trial Division of the Supreme Court of Alberta (now the Court of Queen's Bench). Thus he had the dual distinction of becoming Alberta's first Jewish judge and the first to be named to the Supreme Court of Alberta. In 1967 he was appointed to the Court of Appeal of Alberta where he remained until he reached mandatory retirement age and stepped down from the Bench in 1997. After his retirement from the judiciary, Sam said he was busier than ever conducting arbitration, mediation and joining the law firm Miller Thompson, where he was a respected counsel and advisor to young lawyers until 2008.

Sam's many contributions to the legal field led to his receiving an Honorary LLD from the University of Alberta in 1980. Sam acknowledged that he derived particular satisfaction from his work, beginning in 1967, as Chair of the Alberta Board of Review, which considered the cases of those deemed not fit to stand trial or found guilty by reason of insanity and held in mental institutions. The Board instituted reforms that established the model to improve the lives of those unfortunate people. Sam was also the founding Chair of the Legal Aid Society of Alberta.

Despite his busy legal career, both Sam and Nancy were active volunteers in the local Jewish and general communities, with Sam serving as President of the local B'nai B'rith chapter, and on the Board of Beth Shalom Synagogue. Nancy was a President of the Beth Shalom Sisterhood and volunteered in several leadership roles with the National Council of Jewish Women. In the general community,

she served for six years as a member of the University of Alberta Hospital Board, as treasurer of the Edmonton Art Gallery Board, and as scholarship chair of the Edmonton Symphony's Women's Committee.

In the local community, Sam served as President of the Edmonton chapter of the Canadian Council of Christians and Jews, as a Board member of the Central Volunteer Bureau, as the Secretary for the Edmonton Symphony Society, as President of the Edmonton Kiwanis Club, and following (again) in his father's footsteps, as a Director with the Edmonton Eskimos Football Club.

Nationally, Sam served on the Boards of the Canadian National Institute for the Blind and the National Air Cadets. For all of his work with the Air Force and Cadets, he was made an Honorary Director for Life of the Canadian Aviation Hall of Fame and was awarded the Canadian Forces Decoration.

Although Sam had opportunities to travel throughout the world, he said there was no place he loved more than the Alberta Rockies and Northern Canada. He enjoyed frequent trips to the eastern and western Arctic both as a judge and a sportsman. Sam presided at trials in places like Rankin Inlet and Cape Dorset, and especially enjoyed fly fishing in Great Slave Lake and north of Cambridge Bay.

Sam was inducted into the Alberta Order of Excellence in 2006. He passed away from natural causes on September 19th, 2012 at the age of 90.

Tevie Miller

Tevie Miller was born on the 1st of January, 1928 in Edmonton, Alberta. He was drawn early to the study of the Law, completing his Bachelor of Arts degree at the University of Alberta in 1949 and his Law degree in 1950. From an early age, Tevie showed an aptitude for community service and leadership. He was elected Student Council President at Westglen High School in 1945, as the Alberta representative to the National Federation of Canadian University Students in 1948-1949, as President of the Student Association of the University of Alberta in 1949-1950, and even became a cheerleader for the University football team. Following graduation, he was active in and served as President of the University of Alberta Alumni Association.

In 1951 Tevie married Arliss Toban of Vancouver, with whom he would have three children: Catherine, Joshua, and Lisa and, eventually, 11 grandchildren.

After being called to the Bar in 1950, Tevie practiced with his father, Abe, becoming a partner at Miller and Miller (later Miller, Miller, Witten and Vogel), leaving only when he was appointed to a seat on the Alberta District Court in 1974. He and his father were very close, with their associates noting that Tevie was a born consensus maker. When he moved on to serve in the judiciary, he would prove just as successful in this new chapter of his legal career, advancing to serve as the Associate Chief Justice for the Court of Queen's Bench between 1984 and 1993. Throughout his professional career